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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	Case No. 2:18-CR-365-JNP-BCW
Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	STATEMENT BY DEFENDANT IN
JACOB ORTELL KINGSTON	:	ADVANCE OF PLEA OF GUILTY
Defendant.	:	AND PLEA AGREEMENT PURSUANT
	:	TO FED. R. CRIM. P. 11(c)(1)(C)
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	:	District Judge Jill N. Parrish
	:	Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells
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I hereby acknowledge and certify that I have been advised of and that I understand the following facts and rights, and that I have had the assistance of counsel in reviewing, explaining, and entering into this agreement:

1. As part of this agreement with the United States of America ("United States"), I intend to plead guilty to Counts 1 through 20, 23 through 25, 27 through 29, 31 through 42, and 44 through 46 of the Second Superseding Indictment, ECF 135. My attorney has explained the nature of the charges against me, and I have had an opportunity to discuss the nature of the

charges with my attorney. I understand the charges and what the United States is required to prove in order to convict me.

(a) The elements of Count 1, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, are:

- i. First: two or more persons agreed to commit mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, the elements of which are:
 1. First: the defendant devised or intended to devise a scheme to defraud, as alleged in the indictment;
 2. Second: the defendant acted with specific intent to defraud;
 3. Third: the defendant mailed something, or caused another person to mail something, through the United States Postal Service or a private or commercial interstate carrier for the purpose of carrying out the scheme;
 4. Fourth: the scheme employed false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises that were material.
- ii. Second: the defendant knew the essential objective of the conspiracy;
- iii. Third: the defendant knowingly and voluntarily involved himself in the conspiracy; and
- iv. Fourth: there was interdependence among the members of the conspiracy.

(b) The elements of Counts 2 through 20, charging violations of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2), Aiding and Assisting in the Filing of a False Claim are:

- i. First: the defendant aided or assisted in, counseled, or advised the preparation or presentation of an IRS Form 8849;
- ii. Second: the form contained a false statement;
- iii. Third: the defendant knew the statement was false;
- iv. Fourth: the defendant acted willfully, that is, with the voluntary intent to violate a known legal duty;
- v. Fifth: the false statement was material.

(c) The elements of Count 23 through Count 25, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h), Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering, are:

- i. First: two or more persons agreed to commit concealment money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), the elements of which are explained

below in paragraph 1(d);

- ii. Second: the defendant knew the essential objective of the conspiracy;
 - iii. Third: the defendant knowingly and voluntarily involved himself in the conspiracy; and
 - iv. Fourth: there was interdependence among the members of the conspiracy, that is, the members, in some way or manner, intended to act together for their shared mutual benefit within the scope of the conspiracy charged.
- (d) The elements of Counts 27 through 29 and Counts 31 through 32, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), Concealment Money Laundering, are:
- i. First: the defendant conducted or attempted to conduct a financial transaction;
 - ii. Second: the financial transaction involved the proceeds of the mail fraud scheme alleged in Count 1 of the indictment;
 - iii. Third: the defendant knew that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; and
 - iv. Fourth: the defendant conducted or attempted to conduct the financial transaction knowing that it was designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity.
- (e) The elements of Counts 33 through 42, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1957, Expenditure Money Laundering, are:
- i. First, the defendant engaged or attempted to engage in a monetary transaction;
 - ii. Second, that defendant knew the transaction involved criminally derived property;
 - iii. Third, the property had a value greater than \$10,000;
 - iv. Fourth, the property was derived from the mail fraud scheme alleged in Count 1 of the indictment;
 - v. Fifth, the transaction occurred in the United States.
- (f) The elements of Count 44, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(k), Conspiracy to Commit Obstruction Offenses, are:
- i. First: two or more persons agreed to accomplish one of the three illegal objectives of the conspiracy charged in Count 44, which are:

1. Destroying or concealing records and objects, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1), the elements of which are described below in paragraph 1(g).
 2. Tampering with a witness in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(a)(2), the elements of which are explained below in paragraph 1(h).
 3. Corruptly obstructing or impeding any official proceeding, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), the elements of which are:
 - a. First: That the defendants obstructed, influenced, and impeded any official proceeding;
 - b. Second: That the defendants acted knowingly, and
 - c. Third: That the defendant acted corruptly.
 - ii. Second: the defendant knew the essential objective of the conspiracy;
 - iii. Third: the defendant knowingly and voluntarily involved himself or herself in the conspiracy;
 - iv. Fourth: there was interdependence among the members of the conspiracy, that is, the members, in some way or manner, intended to act together for their shared mutual benefit within the scope of the conspiracy charged.
- (g) The elements of Count 45, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1), Obstruction by Concealing and Destroying Records and Objects, are:
- i. First, the defendant altered, destroyed, mutilated, or concealed a record, document, or other object;
 - ii. Second, the defendant acted corruptly; and
 - iii. Third, the defendant acted with the intent to impair the record, document, or other object's integrity or availability for use in an official proceeding.
- (h) The elements of Count 46, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(a)(2), Tampering with a Witness by Force or Attempted Force, are:
- i. First: That the defendant attempted to use physical force or the threat of physical force against a witness, and
 - ii. Second: The defendant acted with intent to influence, delay, or prevent the testimony of a witness in an official proceeding, and
 - iii. Third: That the defendant knew or should have known that an investigation by a law enforcement officer of the United States was pending or was likely to be instituted, and

- iv. Fourth: That the investigation by a law enforcement officer of the United States, ~~the official proceedings, was a federal proceeding.~~

2. I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for the counts to which I am pleading guilty, as summarized below.

- (a) I know that the maximum possible penalty for Count 1 of the Second Superseding Indictment, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, is a term of imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, a term of supervised release of 3 years, and any applicable forfeiture. I understand that if I violate a term or condition of supervised release, I can be returned to prison for the length of time provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3).
- (b) I know that the maximum possible penalty for Counts 2 through 20 of the Second Superseding Indictment, charging violations of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2), is a term of imprisonment of 3 years, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of 1 year.
- (c) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Counts 23 through 25 of the Second Superseding Indictment, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h), is a term of imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved, a term of supervised release of 3 years, and any applicable forfeiture.
- (d) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Counts 27 through 29 and Counts 31 through 32, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), Concealment Money Laundering, is a term of imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved, a term of supervised release of 3 years, and any applicable forfeiture.
- (e) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Counts 33 through 42, charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1957, Expenditure Money Laundering, is a term of imprisonment of not more than 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, a term of supervised release of 3 years, and any applicable forfeiture.
- (f) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Count 44, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(k), Conspiracy to Commit Obstruct Offenses, is a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 years, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of 3 years.
- (g) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Count 45, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1), Obstruction by Concealing and Destroying Records and Objects, is a term of imprisonment of not more than 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of 3 years.
- (h) I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Count 46, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(a)(2), Witness Tampering by Force or

Attempted Force, is a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 years, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of 3 years.

- (i) Additionally, I know the Court is required to impose an assessment in the amount of \$100 for each offense of conviction, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013. Furthermore, restitution to the victim of my offenses shall be ordered pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A.
- (j) I understand that, if I am not a United States citizen, I may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied admission to the United States in the future.

3. I know that the sentencing procedures in this case and the ultimate sentence will be determined pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and that the Court must consider, but is not bound by, the United States Sentencing Guidelines, in determining my sentence. I have discussed these procedures with my attorney. I also know that the final calculation of my sentence by the Court may differ from any calculation the United States, my attorney, or I may have made, and I will not be able to withdraw my plea if this occurs. However, because my plea of guilty is being entered pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), as explained below, I know that I will be able to withdraw my plea if the Court does not accept the terms of this agreement.

4. I stipulate to the following United States Sentencing Guidelines calculation, and understand that this stipulation is not binding on the Court:

Base offense level per § 2S1.1(a)(1) and § 2B1.1(a)(1) and § 2B1.1(b)(1)(P) (intended fraud loss more than \$550 million):	37
Two-level enhancement for conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 pursuant to § 2S1.1(b)(2)(B):	+2
Two-level enhancement for sophisticated means enhancement per § 2B1.1(b)(10)(C):	+2
Two-level enhancement for obstruction of justice enhancement per § 3C1.1:	+2
Three-level enhancement for manager/supervisor of criminal activity involving five or more participants:	+3
Two-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility per § 3E1.1(a):	-2
Total Offense Level	44

5. I know that I can be represented by an attorney at every stage of the proceeding, and I know that if I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent me.

6. I know that I have a right to plead "Not Guilty" or maintain my earlier plea of "Not Guilty" and can have a trial on the charges against me.

7. I know that I have a right to a trial by jury, and I know that if I stand trial by a jury:

- a. I have a right to the assistance of counsel at every stage of the proceeding.
- b. I have a right to see and observe the witnesses who testify against me.

c. My attorney can cross-examine all witnesses who testify against me.

d. I can call witnesses to testify at trial, and I can obtain subpoenas to require the attendance and testimony of those witnesses. If I cannot afford to pay for the appearance of a witness and mileage fees, the United States will pay them.

e. I cannot be forced to incriminate myself, and I do not have to testify at any trial.

f. If I do not want to testify, the jury will be told that no inference adverse to me may be drawn from my election not to testify.

g. The United States must prove each and every element of the offense charged against me beyond a reasonable doubt.

h. It requires a unanimous verdict of a jury to convict me.

i. If I were to be convicted, I could appeal, and if I could not afford to appeal, the United States would pay the costs of the appeal, including the services of appointed counsel.

8. If I plead guilty, I will not have a trial of any kind.

9. I know that 18 U.S.C. § 3742(c)(1) sets forth the circumstances under which I may appeal my sentence. However, fully understanding my right to appeal my sentence, and in consideration of the concessions and/or commitments made by the United States in this plea agreement, I knowingly, voluntarily and expressly waive my right to appeal as set forth in paragraph 12(d) below.

10. I know that under a plea of guilty the judge may ask me questions under oath about the offense. The questions, if asked on the record and in the presence of counsel, must be answered truthfully and, if I give false answers, I can be prosecuted for perjury.

11. I stipulate and agree that the following facts accurately describe my conduct. These facts provide a basis for the Court to accept my guilty plea:

The following facts are not all the relevant facts about the offenses to which I am pleading guilty, but fairly and accurately describe my actions and involvement in the offenses to which I am pleading guilty.

At all times relevant to the charges in the Second Superseding Indictment, I was the owner and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of Washakie Renewable Energy ("WRE"). I was the CEO and functional owner of United Fuel Supply ("UFS"). I created Washakie Renewable Energy in 2006 to 2007 to produce biodiesel. While WRE was capable of producing some amounts of biodiesel, in no year did WRE ever produce more than 8.5 million gallons. Starting in 2010, I began filing false claims for renewable fuel tax credits as charged in the Second Superseding Indictment and to fraudulently claim renewable identification numbers ("RINs"). I did so in agreement with my co-defendants Isaiah Kingston, Rachel Kingston, and Sally Kingston, and later with co-defendant Lev Dermen, aka Levon Termendzhyan. I was primarily

responsible for the preparation and filing of Forms 8849, Claims for Refund of Excise Taxes, in the name of WRE and UFS.

[Count 1] [Counts 2 through 20] Starting in tax year 2010, I filed Forms 8849 claiming production and sale of renewable fuel, and I claimed RINS for fuel that I did not produce or sell for use as fuel. I agreed with the principals of Biofuels of Colorado, Montgomery Recycling, Aspen Biofuel, and Grease Depot to fraudulently file false claims for refundable fuel tax credits, by entering into toll processing agreements and creating backdated and false paperwork claiming that I produced fuel that I knew was not being produced. I also caused financial transactions to be created to reflect the false paperwork in order to further fraudulently claim that qualifying fuel was being produced and sold, when in fact I knew that qualifying fuel was not being produced or sold. I admit to preparing or causing to be prepared and filing or causing to be filed the nineteen false Forms 8849 charged in Counts 2 through 20 in the Second Superseding Indictment. Those Forms were false in that they falsely claimed that WRE had produced and or blended and sold for use as fuel qualifying renewable fuel that WRE had not in fact produced or blended and sold for use as fuel.

I met co-defendant Lev Dermen in late 2011. Dermen agreed to purchase B99 that I had purchased from third parties, and which I knew was not eligible for tax credits and RINs. I agreed with Dermen to create false paperwork purporting to show that WRE had produced the B99 so that we could fraudulently claim RINs and later renewable fuel tax credits on that fuel. Dermen directed me and I agreed that I would continue to purchase additional B99 from third parties and create false paperwork to allow further fraudulent claims for RINs and tax credits. Dermen informed me that he was protected by federal law enforcement, and I agreed to share the proceeds from the fraudulent RINs and future renewable fuel tax credits with Dermen in return for his protection through what I then believed to be his federal law enforcement contacts.

In early 2012, Dermen directed and I agreed that WRE would purchase B99 from CIMA Green, and that we would create false paperwork claiming that this B99 was feedstock or B100, so that we could fraudulently claim renewable fuel tax credits and RINs on that ineligible fuel. Later in 2012, Dermen directed and I agreed that WRE would purchase B99 from Morrissey Oil and we would create false paperwork claiming that B99 was feedstock and then B100, so that WRE could fraudulently claim renewable fuel tax credits and RINs on that ineligible fuel, and that I would continue to share the proceeds from the fraudulent RINs and tax credits with Dermen.

In early to mid-2013, at the direction of Lev Dermen, I began to file false claims in larger and larger amounts. Dermen not only directed me on what amounts to file for, which would be protected by his "umbrella" of federal law enforcement contacts, but he also agreed that I should use my staff and contacts to create fake business transactions to support these claims. I directed my co-conspirator Deryl Leon to rent shore tanks in Houston and to purchase B99 and other products from third parties in order to rotate the fuel between shore tanks in order to make it falsely appear that transactions involving the purchase and sale of feedstock, B100, B99, and other fuel products were taking place. In addition, Deryl Leon and I caused approximately 3.3 million gallons to be exported from Houston to Isla Melones, Panama, and to be papered as a sale of B99 and then caused that exact same fuel to be re-imported as B100, all to support the

double filing of false claims for fuel tax credits, on both the export and import of the same product. At times throughout the project, I directed my co-defendants Isaiah Kingston, Rachel Kingston, and Sally Kingston to create false paperwork claiming that WRE purchased B100 from Catan, owned by Deryl Leon, and sold B99 to SCM, also owned by Deryl Leon. No qualifying fuel was ever produced or sold during this project, but at least a hundred million gallons of mixed fuel product were rotated between tanks in Texas and Louisiana and Panama. We referred to this as the Gulf project. In 2013, during this project, I caused over \$272,000,000 of fraudulent renewable fuel tax credits to be claimed on these fictitious transactions based on the false paperwork. I did this at the direction of my co-defendant Dermen, who told me that I would be protected by his "umbrella" of federal law enforcement.

During 2013, Dermen and I used these funds to buy property in Belize in part for a casino. In addition, at some point, Dermen and I used these funds to buy property in the State of Washington to open a marijuana grow-house with his associates. Dermen also used these funds to buy me a house at 2702 Creek Road, Sandy, Utah, and I used these funds to buy Dermen a 2010 Bugatti. Dermen also directed me to pay over \$11 million of these funds to his associate as a loan, which was to be repaid to him, not me. In 2013, Dermen gave me a chrome Lamborghini. Later in 2013, Dermen directed me to send \$32 million of these funds to his associates in Turkey and another \$1 million to his company Viscon International. All funds involved in these financial transactions represented proceeds of the false renewable fuel credit claims filed with the IRS.

In 2013, Dermen asked me to be an owner of a new company, which he later formed in California and called SBK Holdings USA, Inc. Dermen controlled SBK Holdings USA, and it was in the business of hard-money lending. Dermen directed me to wire \$10 million in proceeds to SBK Holdings USA in January 2014. For the first six months of 2014, Dermen made me a nominee owner of SBK Holdings USA, and he shared some profits from the hard-money lending conducted with the funds that I transferred to SBK Holdings, USA, Inc. After about six months, Dermen removed me as owner and transferred Washakie back \$5 million. In March 2014, Dermen directed me to send another \$483,000 to his personal bank account at a Turkish bank for a "VAT of the waterside house (mansion)." Dermen further instructed me to send over \$11 million more in fraudulent tax credits in 2014 to his Turkish associates. Dermen instructed me to keep some of this money and investments in my name as his "white boy" face of his Turkish investment activities. All funds involved in these financial transactions represented proceeds of the mail fraud scheme involving the false claims filed with the IRS.

In early 2015, Dermen directed me to file for another \$170 million of false renewable fuel tax credits for the year 2014. After the IRS paid WRE the fraudulent refunds, Dermen directed me to send over \$8.5 million to SBK Holdings USA, which he controlled, so that he could buy a luxury house in Huntington Beach, California. In addition, Dermen directed me to send over \$70 million to Turkey and other countries for a variety of investments. In addition, Dermen directed me to send another \$17 million to SBK Holdings USA, Inc. in California.

In late 2015, Dermen instructed, and I agreed, that I would file a false renewable fuel tax credits claim for \$322 million the name of WRE. This was the largest false claim yet. Dermen further instructed me to also file a similar claim for UFS, which I did. The claim in the name of

UFS was rejected. I directed others at Washakie and SCM to cycle funds and false paperwork to support this anticipated claim.

In 2015, during these discussions with Dermen, I agreed with Dermen to create fake and inflated invoices between WRE and Viscon International in order to create a paper justification to transfer hundreds of millions of these fraudulent proceeds to Dermen from the expected \$322 million fraudulent refund. These invoices were not based on legitimate transactions. This false paperwork, and the later legal settlement of a later lawsuit Dermen and I agreed to fabricate, was intended to justify the transfer of fraudulent proceeds to Dermen from those false tax credits.

In 2018, Dermen and his associates directed me to send millions more to Turkey, which I did.

[Count 23] During the Gulf project, and thereafter, I cycled funds between WRE, Catan, and SCM, and later UFS and other entities to further fraudulently create the appearance that WRE and UFS were making and collecting payments related to qualifying biofuel transactions, which were not actually happening, as charged in Count 23 of the Second Superseding Indictment. My co-defendants Isaiah Kingston, Rachel Kingston, and Sally Kingston participated in this cycling of funds and the creation of false paperwork, knowing that the purpose was to conceal the true nature of the fraudulent proceeds, and knowing that the cycling was intended to fraudulently create the appearance of qualifying fuel transactions. Dermen was not just aware of this cycling, but directed me to lead it, and approved of it. Between August 2013 and June 2016, more than \$3.2 billion in financial transactions were conducted, all to support the filing of ever and ever larger false claims with the IRS.

[Count 24] Starting in 2013, I agreed with my co-defendants Isaiah Kingston and Lev Dermen to conduct over \$100 million in international wire transfers designed to conceal the location and ownership of these fraud proceeds. I agreed to and did transfer fraudulent proceeds of the mail fraud scheme outside of the United States, including to various accounts in Turkey. I did this in agreement and at the direction of co-defendant Lev Dermen. Co-defendant Isaiah Kingston often executed these transactions. In addition, we agreed to transfer fraudulent proceeds, knowing it to be criminally derived funds, to domestic entities controlled by Dermen including SBK Holdings USA, Noil Energy Group, and Viscon International. The transfers of criminally derived funds to accounts in Turkey and here in the United States were done at the direction of co-defendant Dermen and constituted his share of the fraudulent proceeds.

[Count 25] From April 2013 through December 2015, I agreed with co-defendant Isaiah Kingston to both spend some of our portion of the fraud proceeds in building up and supporting WRE, and Order-related entities, and in some instances, to do so in concealed manners. For instance, on more than one occasion, we agreed to engage in cyclical financial transactions paid to Order-related entities with fraudulent proceeds, knowing them to be criminally derived. Some of these payments to Order-related entities were supported by false or inflated invoices, and the monies returned to Washakie were falsely characterized as draws or loans. These transactions included funds cycled to and through A-Fab Engineering, Fidelity Funding, Alliance Investments, World Enterprises, AAA Security, American Digital Systems, Safeco Investments,

Standard Restaurant Equipment, and others as charged in Count 25 of the Second Superseding Indictment.

[Counts 27-29] In June 2013, at the direction of co-defendant Lev Dermen, I transferred \$11,226,211 of fraudulent proceeds to Zubair Kazi. Later, in 2015, co-defendant Dermen and I then caused Kazi to begin to make repayments of this "loan" to Dermen through SBK Holdings USA, Inc., the entity controlled by Dermen, including the transfers charged in Counts 27-29.

[Counts 31 and 32] In August of 2013, at the direction of Dermen, my co-defendant Isaiah Kingston and I caused \$675,034 of fraudulent proceeds to be transferred from WRE to Meridian Title Company for the purchase of 2072 Creek Road as a personal residence for me and my family. The contract to purchase the house was in the name of Noil Energy Group. My co-defendant Lev Dermen and I caused a transfer of \$3,160,000 in criminal proceeds from Noil Energy Group, most of which I had earlier provided to Dermen, for the purchase of my residence. At the time, we knew that the funds used to purchase the home were criminally derived.

[Count 33] In July 2013, co-defendant Lev Dermen told me and co-defendant Isaiah Kingston to purchase him a Bugatti Veyron. On August 5, 2013, we caused \$1,720,000 of fraudulent proceeds, knowing them to be criminally derived, to be transferred for the purchase of the Bugatti Veyron for co-defendant Dermen, and at his request we gave it to him for his birthday on August 13, 2013.

[Counts 34-38] In November and December 2013, my brother Isaiah Kingston and I participated in paying false or inflated invoices so as to transfer funds to A-Fab Engineering including five transfers of fraud proceeds to A-Fab Engineering as charged in Counts 34 through 38 of the Second Superseding Indictment.

[Counts 39-41] In March and December of 2015, Dermen directed me, and I directed my co-defendants, Isaiah Kingston and Rachel Kingston, to transfer \$10,000,000, \$2,100,000, and \$6,900,000, to a bank account held in my name at Garanti Bank in Turkey. At that time, we all knew that the funds were criminally derived from the fraudulent tax credits. These transfers constituted Dermen's share of the fraudulent proceeds.

[Count 42] In March 2014, at the direction of co-defendant Lev Dermen, I directed co-defendant Isaiah Kingston to transfer \$483,000 to an account at Garanti Bank, Turkey, in the name of Levon Termendzhyan for "VAT of the waterside house (mansion)." At the time of this transfer, we all knew that this money was criminally derived. Dermen and I discussed that this transfer was in part his share of the fraudulent proceeds.

[Counts 44; 46] Starting in 2014, and continuing into 2017, my co-Defendant Isaiah Kingston and I engaged in efforts to bribe what I believed to be a high-level DOJ official, code-named "Commissioner Gordon," and others, including federal agents, prosecutors and judges, by providing cash bribes to an intermediary. During this time period, I also engaged in efforts to pay cash to "Beto," also through this intermediary, who I believed to be an enforcer, for the purpose of intimidating witnesses through force or threat of force. Isaiah Kingston and I also had our

hard drives and my mother's hard drive removed from our computers in anticipation of a search warrant that occurred in February 2016, a law enforcement event to which we were tipped off.

[Count 45] In early February 2016, an employee of WRE received a phone call tipping us off to impending search warrants on my residence, the WRE offices, the Century Office, the LDCC, and the Tax Office. In response, this information was shared with others in the Order so that they could take appropriate action. I also ordered my hard drives and the hard drives of my co-defendants, Isaiah Kingston and Rachel Kingston, to be replaced. I later returned my computer. Additionally, I ordered the removal of records from WRE.

12. The only terms and conditions pertaining to this plea agreement between me and the United States are as follows:

a. **Guilty Plea.** I will plead guilty to Counts 1 through 20, 23 through 25, 27 through 29, 31 through 42, and 44 through 46 of the Second Superseding Indictment.

b. **Stipulated Sentence.** Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the sentence imposed by the Court will be **no more than 30 years (360 months) imprisonment.**

(1) I understand that this agreement, including my plea, the agreed upon maximum sentence, and all other terms referenced herein, are subject to the approval of, and acceptance by the Court. I further understand that the Court will likely order the preparation of a Presentence Report to assist in the determination of whether this plea and the agreement are appropriate, and I agree to fully cooperate in the preparation of the Presentence Report.

(2) If, after receiving all relevant information, the Court rejects the plea agreement and determines that a sentence higher from the agreed upon sentence of no more than 30 years (360 months) will be imposed, I will have the right to withdraw the plea of guilty and the terms of this agreement will become null and void. Likewise, if the Court rejects the plea agreement, I understand that the United States will have the right to move to vacate this agreement, and all terms of this agreement will become null and void.

c. **Relevant Conduct.** I understand and agree that the Presentence Report may include descriptions of conduct I engaged in which either was not charged against me, will not be pleaded to by me, or both. I understand and agree that the Court will take these facts into consideration in determining the reasonableness of the stipulated sentence. I agree and stipulate that the intended loss of my conduct was \$1,166,792,650 and that the actual loss caused by my conduct was \$511,842,773.

d. **Appeal Waiver.**

(1) Fully understanding my limited right to appeal my sentence, as explained above in paragraph 9, and in consideration of the concessions and/or commitments made by the United States in this plea agreement, I knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waive my right to appeal any sentence imposed upon me, except that I do not waive the right to appeal as set forth

in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(c)(1), which states that I may not file a notice of appeal unless the sentence imposed is greater than the sentence set forth in this agreement.

(2) I also knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waive my right to challenge my sentence, unless the sentence imposed is greater than the sentence set forth in this agreement, in any collateral review motion, writ or other procedure, including but not limited to a motion brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except on the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel.

(3) I understand that this waiver of my appeal and collateral review rights concerning my sentence shall not affect the United States' right to appeal my sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3742(c)(2) and § 3742(b)(1) and (2).

(4) I further understand and agree that the word "sentence" appearing throughout this waiver provision is being used broadly and applies to all aspects of the Court's sentencing authority, including, but not limited to: (1) sentencing determinations; (2) the imposition of imprisonment, fines, supervised release, probation, and any specific terms and conditions thereof; and (3) any orders of restitution.

e. **Presentence Report and Financial Information.** I agree to provide truthful and complete information, including financial information, as requested by the probation office for the preparation of my presentence report and for determination of the conditions of my supervised release. I also consent to allowing the United States Attorney's Office to run a credit check on me. I consent to being placed on the Treasury Offset Program and State Finder.

f. **Restitution.**

(1) I agree that I am subject to mandatory restitution because my case falls within the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(1) and (c)(1) based on Count 1 of the Second Superseding Indictment, to which I am pleading guilty. My attorney has explained what mandatory restitution means.

(2) Under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(a)(3), I agree to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service, in the amount of **\$511,842,773**, due at the time of sentencing. I agree that this total amount of restitution reflected in this agreement results from my fraudulent conduct. I agree to pay this specific restitution, joint and several with any codefendants, and agree that this amount should not be reduced or increased through apportionment of liability under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(h).

(3) I agree to the following additional provisions regarding restitution:

- i. I agree that restitution is due and payable immediately after the judgment is entered and is subject to immediate enforcement, in full, by the United States. If the Court imposes a schedule of payments, I agree that the schedule of payments is a schedule of the minimum payment due, and that the payment schedule does not prohibit or limit the methods by which the United States may immediately enforce the judgment in full. The IRS will use the amount of restitution ordered as the basis for a civil assessment under 26 U.S.C. § 6201(a)(4). I do not have the right to challenge the

amount of this restitution-based assessment. See 26 U.S.C. § 6201(a)(4)(C). Neither the existence of a restitution payment schedule nor my timely payment of restitution according to that schedule will preclude the IRS from immediately collecting the full amount of the restitution-based assessment.

- ii. I am entitled to receive credit for restitution paid pursuant to this plea agreement against those assessed civil tax liabilities due and owing for the same periods for which restitution was ordered. I understand and agree that the plea agreement does not resolve my civil tax liabilities, that the IRS may seek additional taxes, interest and penalties from me relating to the conduct covered by this plea agreement and for conduct relating to another time period, and that satisfaction of the restitution debt does not settle, satisfy, or compromise my obligation to pay any remaining civil tax liability. I authorize release of information to the IRS for purposes of making the civil tax and restitution based assessments.
- iii. I understands that I am not entitled to credit with the IRS for any payment until the payment is received by the IRS.
- iv. If full payment cannot be made immediately, I agree to make a complete and accurate financial disclosure to the IRS on forms prescribed by the IRS (including, but not limited to, IRS Form 433-A and Form 433-B, as appropriate), and to disclose to the IRS any and all additional financial information and financial statements provided to the probation office. I also agree to provide the above-described information to the probation office.
- v. If I make a payment of the restitution agreed to above prior to sentencing, the payment will be applied as a credit against the restitution ordered.

(4) I understand that the amount of restitution and the schedule of payments will be determined as a part of the sentencing proceedings in accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3664. I agree to pay all restitution as ordered by the Court. I agree that the payment and enforcement of my restitution order is governed by 18 U.S.C. § 3664, and my lawyer has explained the consequences of an order of restitution.

(5) I understand and agree that payment of any restitution owed, pursuant to the schedule set by the Court at sentencing, should be a condition of any term of probation or supervised release imposed upon me. I know that if I fail to pay restitution as ordered, the failure can be considered a violation of probation or supervised release and, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3614, the Court can resentence me to any sentence which might originally have been imposed in my case.

(6) I agree to the following provisions regarding payment of restitution:

- i. I agree to send all payments made pursuant to the court's restitution order to the Clerk of the Court at the following address:

Clerk of the Court
351 S W Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

ii. With each payment to the Clerk of the Court made pursuant to the District Court's restitution order, I will provide the following information:

1. My name and Social Security number;
2. The District Court and the docket number assigned to this case;
3. Tax year(s) or period(s) for which restitution has been ordered; and
4. A statement that the payment is being submitted pursuant to the District Court's restitution order.

iii. I agree to include a request that the Clerk of the Court send the information, along with my payments, to the IRS address below:

IRS – RACS
Attn: Mail Stop 6261, Restitution
333 W. Pershing Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64108

iv. I also agree to send a notice of any payments made pursuant to this agreement, including the information listed in the previous paragraph, to the IRS at the following address:

IRS – RACS
Attn: Mail Stop 6261, Restitution
333 W. Pershing Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64108

g. **Waiver of Interest.** The United States agrees to recommend that the Court waive interest for fines and restitution assessed against me.

h. **Forfeiture.**

(1) I admit that the majority of the transferred funds from Washakie or UFS to Order-related entities were not through bona fide purchases for value. Specifically, I do not contest that at least \$30 million in proceeds traceable to the mail fraud scheme or money laundering schemes to which I am pleading guilty were not bona fide purchases for value. I will not contest the United States' tracing of proceeds of the mail fraud scheme and/or proceeds involved in the money laundering schemes from Washakie and/or UFS to the properties listed in Exhibit A. In addition, I do not contest that Washakie and/or UFS used false and/or inflated invoices to give the false appearance that transfers of mail fraud scheme and/or proceeds involved in the money laundering schemes were bona fide purchases for value.

(2) I agree to be interviewed by investigators within thirty days concerning the assets specified in Exhibit A and any other assets connected to or that may connect to the charges in the Second Superseding Indictment. I will respond truthfully to investigators questions including in detailing my knowledge of these assets and their connection to the charges specified in the indictment. To the extent I know, I will disclose to investigators the location of the assets listed in Exhibit A and will disclose the existence and location of any other asset that is traceable to the charges listed in the indictment, whether owned by myself or not.

(3) Upon request by the government, I agree to identify all assets connected to or which may connect to the charges in the Second Superseding Indictment in which I had any interest, or over which I exercise or exercised control, directly or indirectly, within the past seven years. I also agree to identify any similar assets over which my co-defendants or third parties now have control. I agree to take all steps as requested by the United States to obtain from any other parties by any lawful means any records of assets owned at any time by the defendant. I agree to undergo any polygraph examination the United States may choose to administer concerning such assets and to provide and/or consent to the release of my tax returns for the previous five years.

(4) I agree to forfeit all property acquired from or traceable to my offenses and all property that was used to facilitate my offenses, including, but not limited to, the following specific property:

The assets listed in Exhibit A.

(5) I agree to a forfeiture MONEY JUDGMENT of \$511,842,773. This amount is equal to the value of any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from proceeds traceable to the mail fraud conspiracy and not available for forfeiture as a result of any act or omission of the defendant(s) for one or more of the reasons listed in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).¹ Additionally, I agree to a forfeiture MONEY JUDGMENT of at least \$511,842,773, which is equal to the value of all property involved in the money laundering conspiracy and not available for forfeiture for one or more of the reasons listed in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p) as a result of any act or omission of the defendant(s). The money judgments will run concurrently.

(6) I acknowledge that to the extent proceeds of the mail fraud scheme charged in count one or property involved in the money laundering counts in this agreement can be traced to the property covered by this agreement, that property is subject to forfeiture because it represents the proceeds of illegal conduct or helped facilitate illegal conduct.

(7) I agree that all such property may be forfeited in either an administrative, civil and/or criminal judicial proceeding. I agree that I will not make a claim to the property or otherwise oppose forfeiture in any such proceedings, and I will not help anyone else do so. If I have already made such a claim, I hereby withdraw it. I further agree that I will sign any necessary documents to ensure that clear title to the forfeited assets passes to the United States,

¹ The government will move to partially satisfy the forfeiture money judgment to the extent of the value it obtains, after deducting costs, from successfully forfeiting specific assets.

and that I will testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding. In addition, I agree that I will not make any claim to property forfeited by any other defendant in this case.

(8) I hereby waive any claims I may have against the United States regarding the seizure and forfeiture of the property covered by this agreement.

(9) I hereby waive the requirements regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment.

(10) I hereby waive any constitutional or statutory challenges to the forfeiture covered by this agreement, including that the forfeiture is an excessive fine or punishment.

(11) I agree to repatriate to the jurisdiction of the District of Utah any property listed in the Second Superseding Indictment (including the funds described in paragraph 34(e)), any property listed in Exhibit A that is outside the court's jurisdiction, and any other property that is connected to, the proceeds of, or involved in the charges in the indictment. For real property that is connected to, the proceeds of, or involved in the charges in the indictment, but is outside the jurisdiction of the court, I agree to identify to the United States Attorney's Office such properties within thirty days of signing this agreement; to sell those properties within six months of signing this agreement; and to repatriate the proceeds from the sale of such properties within ten days of receipt along with an accounting from a title company or its equivalent that details the disposition of funds.

(12) If in its sole discretion the U.S. Attorney's Office determines that the defendant meets the criteria for restoration under Department of Justice and Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) policy, it agrees to recommend to MLARS through the restoration process that payments the defendant makes on the forfeiture money judgment be applied to reduce the amount the defendant owes on the restitution order. The defendant further understands that MLARS retains the ultimate discretion whether to grant or deny any restoration request. Upon approval of the restoration request, payments made on the forfeiture money judgment will also satisfy the restitution order to the extent of such payments. The defendant may make payments on the forfeiture money judgment by cashier's check or money order to "United States Marshals Service," referencing the case number, and mailed to: United States Marshals Service, ATTN: Dorothy Akins, 351 S. West Temple, Suite 4.200, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1908.

13. I understand and agree that this plea agreement is solely between me and the United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Department of Justice, Tax Division, and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

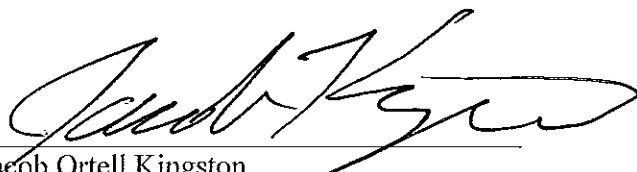
14. I understand that I have a right to ask the Court any questions I wish to ask concerning my rights about these proceedings and the plea.

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I make the following representations to the Court:

1. I am ___ years of age. My education consists of a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. I can read and understand English.
2. This Statement in Advance contains all terms of the agreement between me and the United States; if there are exceptions, the Court will be specifically advised, on the record, at the time of my guilty plea of the additional terms. I understand the United States and I cannot have terms of this plea agreement that are not disclosed to the Court.
3. No one has made threats, promises, or representations to me that have caused me to plead guilty, other than the provisions set forth in this agreement.
4. Neither my attorney nor the United States has promised me that I would receive probation or any other form of leniency because of my plea.
5. I have discussed this case and this plea with my lawyer as much as I wish, and I have no additional questions.
6. I am satisfied with my lawyer.
7. My decision to enter this plea was made after full and careful thought; with the advice of counsel; and with a full understanding of my rights, the facts and circumstances of the case and the consequences of the plea. I was not under the influence of any drugs, medication, or intoxicants when I made the decision to enter the plea, and I am not now under the influence of any drugs, medication, or intoxicants.
8. I have no mental reservations concerning the plea.
9. I understand and agree to all of the above. I know that I am free to change or delete anything contained in this statement. I do not wish to make changes to this agreement because I agree with the terms and all of the statements are correct.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2019

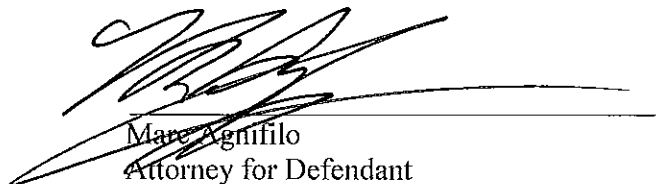


Jacob Ortell Kingston
Defendant

I certify that I have discussed this plea agreement with the defendant, that I have fully explained his rights to him, and that I have assisted him in completing this written agreement. I

believe that he is knowingly and voluntarily entering the plea with full knowledge of his legal rights and that there is a factual basis for the plea.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2019.

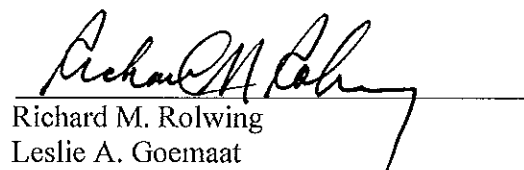


Marc Agnifilo
Attorney for Defendant

I represent that all terms of the plea agreement between the defendant and the United States have been, or will be at the plea hearing, disclosed to the Court, and there are no undisclosed agreements between the defendant and the United States.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2019.

JOHN W. HUBER
United States Attorney



Richard M. Rolwing
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Special Assistant United States Attorneys
John E. Sullivan
Senior Litigation Counsel

Exhibit A

Property the Defendant Agrees to Forfeit

- a. The physical plant once known as Washakie Renewable Energy, LLC, located at 7550 W 24000 N Plymouth, Utah, and all the equipment installed therein, and affixed thereto.
- b. Real property located at:
 1. 2072 East Creek Road, Sandy, Utah 84190 United States
 2. 16572 Somerset Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92649
 3. 4400 S. 700 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84107
 4. 4829 S. 3960 W., Taylorsville, UT 84129
 5. 4271 S. 1300 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84124
 6. 1415 W. Crystal Ave., West Valley City, UT 84119 (APN 15-22-476-016)
 7. 13 Acres FM 511 @ FM, Brownsville, TX 78521
 8. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #07-090-0002)
 9. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #07-037-0001)
 10. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-041-0004)
 11. 24050 N. 600 W Plymouth Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-041-0019)
 12. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 8433 United States (Parcel #08-041-0020)
 13. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-041-0025)
 14. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-041-0026)
 15. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel 08-041-0027)
 16. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (APN 08-041-0028)
 17. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel 08-42-0018)
 18. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-045-0005)
 19. 24050 N. 600 W. Plymouth, UT 84330 Box Elder County, Utah 84330 United States (Parcel #08-052-0008)
 20. 2973 W. Mackay Meadows Pl., Salt Lake City, UT 84119
 21. 2338 S. 1360 W. Salt Lake City, UT 84119
 22. Real property in the Corozal free-zone area of Belize
 23. 1305 W. Main, Mesa, AZ 85201 (APN: 134-31-005-F4)
 24. 3179 S. Village Pine Cove, West Valley City, UT 84128
 25. 8228 S. 2700 W., West Jordan, UT 84088
 26. 7504 S. 2200 W., West Jordan, UT 84084

27. 1516 W. Culpepper Cir., Taylorsville, UT 84123
28. Deep Creek Ranch Ibapah, UT 84034 (APN: 07-097-0-0004)
29. 1401 W. Crystal Ave., West Valley City, UT 84119 (APN: 15-22-476-016)
30. 3365 S. Diamond Ridge Cir., West Valley City, UT 84128 (14-27-351-036)
31. 6710 S. 2700 W., West Jordan, UT 84084
32. 1995 W. Alexander St., Salt Lake City, UT 84119
33. 3062 E. Ensign Park Dr., Magna, UT 84044
34. 13907 S. 2200 W., Bluffdale, UT 84065
35. 3475 S. Centennial Rd., Magna, UT 84044
36. 780 N 1100 W., West Bountiful, UT 84087
37. 1533 W. Dowry Ct., Taylorsville, UT 84123 (APN: 21-15-409-040)
38. 5090 S. 1130 W., Taylorsville, UT 84123 (APN: 21-11-303-008)
39. 6938 W. Hunter Valley Dr., West Valley City, UT 84128 (APN: 14-27-330-010)
40. Vacant Land, Woods Cross, UT 84087 (APN: 06-079-0083)
41. APN: 15-25-230-024 Salt Lake City, UT
42. 2928 S. 7200 W., Magna, UT 84044
43. 1896 W. Seargent Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84116 (APN: 08-27-108-008-0000)
44. 445 E. Wilson Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84115
45. 850 W. 600 N., West Bountiful, UT 84087
46. 1672 W. Southgate Ave., West Valley City, UT 84119 (APN: 15-22-454-021)
47. 7292 S. Redwood Rd., West Jordan, UT 84084
48. 22555 N Frontage Rd, Portage, UT 84331 (APN: 08-052-0012)
49. Box Elder County, Utah APN: 08-052-0014
50. Box Elder County, Utah APN: 08-052-0006
51. Box Elder County, Utah APN: 08-052-0005
52. Box Elder County, Utah APN: 08-052-0004
53. Box Elder County, Utah APN: 08-044-0004

c. The following vehicles:

1. 2010 Bugatti Veyron, Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN") VF9SC2C23AM795205;
2. 2015 Lamborghini Aventador, VIN: ZHWUR1ZD2FLA03759;
3. 2011 Cadillac Escalade, VIN: 1GYS4CEF8BR217610;
4. 2013 Lincoln MKX, VIN: 2LMDJ8JK8DBL49070;
5. 2013 Audi Q7, VIN: WA1LMAFEXDD009274;

d. Proceeds from the sale of the following vehicles:

1. 2008 Lamborghini Murcielago, VIN: ZHWBU37S78LA02905
2. 2007 Ferrari 599, VIN: ZFFFC60A070156760
3. Six Kenworth T660 trucks with the following VINs: 1XKAD49X9EJ418286; 1XKAD49X9EJ418287; 1XKAD49X9EJ418406; 1XKAD49X9EJ418407; 1XKAD49X9EJ417967; 1XKAD49X9EJ423229.

e. Property purchased in or traceable to the following transactions:

Date	Title Company	Bank Account	Amount
08/23/2013	InWest Title Services	Fidelity 1212	\$377,131.52
12/09/2013	InWest Title Services	BofA 9516	\$164,000.00
03/06/2014	Sterling Drive	Fidelity 1212	\$523,678.42
03/07/2014	Service Link LLC	USB 0221	\$332,000.00
03/14/2014	Key Bank	USB 0221	\$284,000.00
11/17/2014	American Secure Title	WRE 4874	\$407,772.92
3/20/2015	American Secure Title	WRE 5016	\$417,393.97
10/16/2015	American Secure Title	USB 0221	\$326,427.56
04/15/2015	American Secure Title	WRE 5016	\$1,183,696.38

- f. Any and all assets purchased or investments made using proceeds, whether through Washakie Renewable Energy, United Fuel Supply, SBK Holdings USA, Inc., or SBK Holding AS (Turkey), or Speedy Lion Renewable Fuel Investments, LLC, and any gains from those investments, including the following:

1. Mobstar, LTD (Ireland)
2. Vision Financial Markets, LLC
3. Set-App Technologies, Turkey including the following real properties:

City	Town	Neighborhood	Ada No.	Parcel		Owner
				No.	M ²	
Istanbul	Besiktas	Ortakoy	38	19	287,00	Setap
Istanbul	Besiktas	Kuru Cesme	172	18	80,00	Setap
Istanbul	Besiktas	Kuru Cesme	1283	5	198,00	Setap
Istanbul	Besiktas	Kuru Cesme	1283	6	225,75	Setap
Istanbul	Besiktas	Kuru Cesme	1283	7	276,25	Setap

4. Biopharma, Turkey
 5. Isanne, SARL
 6. Komak Isi Yalitim Sistemleri Sanayi (Turkey)
 7. Doga Dogan
 8. Mega Varlik Yonetim A.S.
 9. Accounts at Merrill Lynch
- g. All of the share interests and other equity of Beck's Sanitation, Inc., a Utah corporation, that Washakie Renewable Energy, LLC (signatory Jacob Kingston) purchased from Dan Magana in about July 2015.
- h. The outstanding balance of the loan owed by Zubair Kazi to SBK Holdings USA, Inc.; and
1. Any and all interest payments made or owed by Zubair Kazi.
 2. Any and all principal payments made or owed by Zubair Kazi.